GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2495
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REHABILITATION OF SRILANKAN MIGRANTS
Bhakta Shri Manoranjan

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Rehabilitation work for Srilankan migrants is still continuing in Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the detail thereof; and

(c) the time by which the Government is likely to complete the rehabilitation of all those Srilankan migrants settled in Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) and (b) : The Sri Lankan Tamil families settled at Katchal Island, which is a tribal reserve area, have been continuously demanding for occupancy right over the homestead land given to them at the time of settlement and also for provision of agriculture land at a scale equal to other settlers brought under the rehabilitation scheme in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. There has, however, been stiff opposition from the tribal leaders/ persons of Katchal Island against settlement of these Sri Lankan families in their tribal areas.

(c) : It is not possible to stipulate a time limit. However, efforts are on.